Assessment and is under consideration by a sub-committee appointed by it. In the meanwhile, the diplomas awarded by the Board have been provisionally recognised by the Government of India for purposes of recruitment to subordinate posts under them.

Sea erosion

* 2629 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the action taken by the Government on the representation made in the month of November 1954 by Sri P. Jeevanandam, M.L.A and the Murpokku Valaingar Sangam in regard to the damage caused by sea erosion to the huts in the fishermen's colonies in Tondiarpet and nearby areas?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have sanctioned a scheme at a total cost of Rs. 4,14,500 made up of (i) Rs. 2,59,400 for acquisition of private sites and (ii) rupees 1,55,100 for provision of amenities thereon, for housing 282 families of fishermen who have been rendered homeless by sea erosion on North of Madras Harbour. The land acquisition proceedings are going on and it is hoped that the colony would be formed very soon.

* 2630 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have provided house-sites for the fishermen of Madras who have been affected by sea erosion; and

(*b*) if so, their number?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The fishermen who have been affected by sea erosion on the north of Madras Harbour have been accommodated in the Defence Department lands and other vacant Government lands temporarily. The Government have also since sanctioned a scheme for provision of permanent alternative house-sites to the fishermen and the private land required for the purpose is being acquired.

(*b*) 282 families will be benefited by the scheme.

Protected water-supply and drainage system

* 2631 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Villupuram Municipal Council has presented a petition to the Government through Sri V. R. Nagarajan, M.L.A., for the provision of a protected water-supply and drainage system to the Villupuram Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?